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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING**MINUTES**Wednesday – July 30, 2008 2:15 p.m.**I. Call To Order/ Roll Call**

CAC Chairperson Dina Kimble called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Members present: Dina Kimble, Anne Quick, Richard Harris and Les DenHerder, Leo Garcia, and Acting Chief Glen Forman

Members absent: Marvin Kropke, Cedric Porter

Review/Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2008

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as written. None opposed.

II. Update on Pending Bills

- **AB734: Apprenticeship Oversight.** At the last meeting it was discussed that this Bill eliminated the needs test. This language is no longer in the Bill. Neelo is no longer an author of the Bill. The current authors are Evans and Laird. As currently amended, the Bill now puts restrictions on who can serve on the CAC. It contains new language on what is required for programs that want to start a new program or expand their program. The Bills still contains the language that Programs must report RSI and OJT hours to the apprentices two times per year and also those programs must provide apprentice data to the DAS in electronic format.
- **AB806: Career Technical Education:** Board of Governors of Community Colleges will provide assistance and require adult schools to collaborate with colleges to provide Career Technical Education. There has been no change in this Bill since it went to the Senate Appropriations Committee in 2007. This will be placed on the inactive list.
- **SB21: Education: The Regional Education and Economic Integration Initiative:** There have been no changes to this Bill since the last meeting and will be put on the inactive list.
- **SB312: Public Utilities:** This Bill originally changed the definition of Electrician Excluded Certification for Linemen for utility systems. The language on the Bill is a totally different Bill, it has nothing to do with any of those issues. It has to do with claims against Public Utilities. This Bill will be taken off the list.

III. Pending Bill with action taken.

AB876: Career Technical Education. At the last meeting it was discussed that this Bill was amended. It wants the CSU and UC schools to take action with respect to the recognition of CTE course work as part of their admissions. The last time it was reported that it still required CSU, but requested UC to take action. Now the Bill has been changed; it is only requesting from both of them. It was re referred to the Senate Appropriations for August 4, 2008.

IV. New Items

SB 1362 Electrician Certification: There is currently no enforcement of Electrician Certification. This Bill would impose penalties for Electricians who are caught working without Certification. The penalties are \$250.00 for the first offense but can be waived if they remedy the situation within a certain amount of time, then \$500.00 for the second offense, this cannot be waived. It also imposes penalties against contractors which would include disciplinary action from the Contractors State License Board. This Bill is currently in Assembly Appropriations on hold pending some changes and revisions.

Comment from the public: Richard Markuson, Western Electrical Contractors Association; sponsors of the legislation, has been working with the California State Association of Electrical Workers, he mentioned that while the Bill provides the authority for allowing us to penalize an electrician who is not in compliance.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.